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CIRCULAR LETTER.

HARRISBURG, PENNA., *September 10, 1897.*

DEAR SIR:

Your attention is called to the series of Farmers' Institutes which are to be held in your county, at the places and on the dates named in the accompanying list of Institutes for Pennsylvania. The State has been divided into four sections, and the Department at Harrisburg has provided at least three speakers for each institute, who are experienced institute workers, and who speak upon a wide range of topics. The local committee in each county will also provide a set of speakers, in addition to those sent by the State. If you will refer to the accompanying list, you can see the exact dates when the institutes in your county will be held, and you are urged to so arrange your business as to be able to be present at all of the sessions.

The list has been completed after a very careful consideration of the requests and preferences of the several boards of managers throughout the State. It has been found to be impracticable to meet the desires of the boards in all respects, but in the great majority of cases, the dates and places are such as these boards have desired. A complete list of speakers, together with their subjects, will soon be published and sent to each institute manager. The names of the State lecturers, together with their dates and assignments, will also be furnished in the course of two or three weeks.

In every two days' institute the EVENING SESSION of the first day is to be an "EDUCATIONAL SESSION," and is to be distinctively in the interest of the education of the farmer and his children, and all that concerns their intellectual nature and development. Under this topic can be discussed the course of reading for farmers, the Institute, the Grange, the Alliance and the Farmers'

Club as educators; also the country district school, the country high school, courses of study for country children, etc. To this session, all school teachers and school children are especially invited; also School Directors, County Superintendents and all who are interested in the education of country people.

The EVENING SESSION of the second day is to be set apart for the BENEFIT OF LADIES, and is to be in the interest of "COUNTRY HOMES." This will include all that relates to home life in the country; the constructing of homes, the heating, lighting, ventilating and sanitary arrangements for country homes; the water supply, sewage and plumbing for houses in the country; the cooking of food, the care of the sick, the care of children, flower gardening, kitchen gardening, house decoration and all that relates in any way, to comfort, convenience, health and enjoyment in a country home.

Every ONE DAY Institute will have the *evening session* devoted to "EDUCATION FOR FARMERS AND THEIR CHILDREN." The *other sessions* are left open for the more general topics relating to agriculture.

YOU ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS, and by your presence and counsel, aid in the effort to help our farmers out of the depressed condition into which their business has fallen in these recent years. Be kind enough to make known to your neighbors, the dates of your institutes, and the places where they are to be held, and write to the chairman of your County Institute Committee, for complete programme of exercises. The name and address of the chairman of each county in the State, is found on the accompanying list, opposite the respective county.

Preserve this circular for reference.

Very respectfully,

JOHN HAMILTON,

Deputy Secretary and Director of Institutes.

COMPLETE LIST

— OF —

Pennsylvania Farmers' Institutes,

Giving the Counties in Alphabetical Order, and the Name and Address of the Chairman for Each County.

County.	Place.	Date.	Chairman of Institute Committee.
Adams,	Littlestown,	Dec. 3-4,	A. I. Weidner, Arendtsville.
	Fairfield,	Dec. 6,	
	York Springs,	Dec. 7-8,	
Allegheny,	Talley Cavey,	Jan. 24-25,	J. S. Burns. Clinton.
	Oak Dale,	Jan. 31, Feb. 1,	
	Elizabeth,	Feb. 14-15,	
Armstrong,	Kittanning,	Jan. 17-18,	D. W. Lawson, Dayton.
	Worthington,	Jan. 19-20,	
	Elderton,	Jan. 21,	
Beaver,	Darlington,	Jan. 5-6,	T. A. McCleary, Clifton.
	Frankfort Springs,	Jan. 7-8,	
Bedford,	Mench,	Mar. 12,	D. Holderbaum. Bedford.
	Schellsburg,	Mar. 14-15,	
	Alum Bank,	Mar. 16-17,	
Berks,	Wernersville,	Feb. 24,	G. D. Stitzel. Reading.
	Fleetwood,	Feb. 25-26,	
	Shoemakersville,	Feb. 28, Mar. 1,	
	Robesonia,	Mar. 2-3,	
Blair,	Tyrone,	Nov. 29-30,	H. L. Harvey. Kipple.
	Roaring Springs,	Dec. 1-2,	
Bradford,	Canton,	Jan. 14-15,	Hon. L. Piolett. Wysox.
	Troy,	Jan. 17-18,	
	Ulster,	Jan. 19-20,	
	Wyalusing,	Jan. 21-22,	
Bucks,	Langhorn,	Jan. 31, Feb. 1,	Chas. L. Balderston. Lahaska.
	New Hope,	Feb. 2-3,	
	Springtown,	Feb. 4-5,	
	Pineville,	Feb. 7,	
Butler,	Sarversville,	Jan. 10-11,	W. H. H. Riddle, Butler.
	Prospect,	Jan. 12-13,	
	Karns City,	Jan. 14-15,	
Cambria,	Elton,	Dec. 3-4,	J. J. Thomas, Carrolltown.
	Loretto,	Dec. 6,	
	Spangler,	Dec. 7,	
Cameron,	Driftwood,	Dec. 28-29,	E. N. Fairchild, Sizerville.
	Emporium,	Dec. 30,	
Carbon,	New Mahoning,	Feb. 11,	J. H. Werner. Weatherly.
	Weatherly,	Feb. 12,	
Centre,	Spring Mills,	Dec. 13-14,	Col. John A. Woodward. Howard.
	Hublersburg,	Dec. 15-16,	

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Chester,	Coatesville,	Jan. 3-4,	Robert M. Simmers, Phoenixville.
	Phoenixville,	Jan. 5-6,	
	Russelville,	Jan. 7-8,	
	Kennet Square,	Jan. 10,	
Clarion,	Greenville,	Dec. 3,	G. T. Henery, Piolett.
	Curlsville,	Dec. 4,	
	Knox,	Dec. 6-7,	
	Fryburg,	Dec. 8-9,	
Clearfield,	Penfield,	Dec. 8-9,	J. Blair Reed, Clearfield.
	Bigler,	Dec. 10-11,	
Clinton,	Lamar,	Dec. 17-18,	Joel A. Herr. Cedar Springs.
	Hammersley's Forks,	Dec. 20,	
Columbia,	Catawissa,	Jan. 6-7,	H. V. White, Bloomsburg.
	Benton,	Jan. 8,	
	Bloomsburg,	Jan. 10-11,	
Crawford,	Dicksonburg,	Dec. 6-7,	M. W. Oliver, Conneautville.
	Cochrantown,	Dec. 8-9,	
	Cambridge Springs,	Dec. 10-11,	
	Centreville,	Dec. 13-14,	
Cumberland,	Mechaniesburg,	Dec. 10-11,	Chas. H. Mullen, Mt. Holly Springs. Col. R. H. Thomas, Mechanicsburg. B. D. Biggs, Shippensburg.
	Shippensburg,	Dec. 13-14,	
Dauphin,	Gratz,	Jan. 24-25,	S. F. Barber, Harrisburg.
	Hummelstown,	Jan. 31. Feb. 1,	
Delaware,	Concordville,	Jan. 11-12,	G. E. Heyburn. Chadds' Ford.
	Manoa,	Jan. 13-14,	
Elk,	St. Mary's,	Dec. 17-18,	J. M. Wittman, St. Mary's.
Erie,	North East,	Nov. 29-30,	A. L. Wales, Corry.
	Belle Valley,	Dec. 1-2,	
	North Springfield,	Dec. 3-4,	
Fayette,	Little Redstone,	Mar. 3-4,	Hon. Geo. Hopwood, Uniontown.
	Dawson,	Mar. 5,	
	New Salem,	Mar. 7-8,	
Forest,	Tionesta,	Dec. 10-11,	Chas. A. Randall. Tionesta.
Franklin,	Greeneastle,	Dec. 15-16,	C. B. Hege, Marion.
	Waynesboro,	Dec. 17-18,	
	New Franklin,	Dec. 20,	
Fulton,	McConnellsburg,	Dec. 21-22,	J. F. Johnston, Webster Mills.
	Needmore,	Dec. 23,	
Greene,	Waynesburg,	Feb. 8-9,	L. W. Gwynn, Carmichaels.
	Carmichaels,	Feb. 10-11,	
Huntingdon,	Trough Creek,	Mar. 8-9,	G. G. Hutchinson, Warrior's Mark.
	McAlevy's Fort,	Mar. 10-11,	
Indiana,	Richmond,	Feb. 23–24,	S. M. McHenry, Indiana.
	Kelleyburg,	Feb. 25–26,	
	Armagh,	Feb. 28, Mar. 1,	

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Jefferson,	Paradise,	Nov. 29,	James McCracken, Frostburg.
	Allens Mills,	Nov. 30,	
	Belleview,	Dec. 1,	
	Corsica,	Dec. 2,	
Juniata,	Mexico,	Feb. 28, Mar. 1,	Matthew Rodgers, Mexico.
	Academia,	Mar. 2–3,	
Lackawanna,	Madisonville,	Feb. 18,	H. W. Northup, Glenburn.
	Clark's Summit,	Feb. 19,	
	Fleetville,	Feb. 24,	
	Tompkinsville,	Feb. 25,	
Lancaster,	Marion,	Sept. 14,	W. H. Brosius, Fernglen.
	Black Barren Springs,	Sept. 15–16,	
	Rutland Park,	Sept. 17–18,	
	New Holland,	Dec. 28–29,	
	Christiana,	Dec. 30–31,	
Lawrence,	East Brook,	Dec. 30–31,	J. B. Johnston, New Wilmington.
	Edenburg,	Jan. 3–4,	
Lebanon,	Richland,	Feb. 2–3,	David Early, Palmyra.
	Jonestown,	Feb. 4–5,	
Lehigh,	Half Way House,	Feb. 14,	J. L. Schreiber, Hosensack.
	Alburtis,	Feb. 16–17,	
	Hosensack,	Feb. 18–19,	
Luzerne,	Lehman,	Feb. 28,	J. E. Hildebrandt, Lehman.
	Carverton,	Mar. 1,	
	Huntingdon Mills,	Mar. 2–3,	
Lycoming,	Montoursville,	Dec. 21–22,	A. J. Kahler, Hughesville.
	Montgomery,	Dec. 23,	
	Hughesville,	Dec. 28–29,	
McKean,	Smethport,	Dec. 20–21,	F. L. Sherburne, East Smethport.
	Port Alleghany,	Dec. 22–23,	
Mercer,	Jamestown,	Dec. 20–21,	T. P. Munnell, Indian Run.
	Sheakleyville,	Dec. 22–23,	
	Millbrook,	Dec. 28–29,	
Mifflin,	Belleville,	Mar. 4,	D. E. Notestine, Lewistown.
	Milroy,	Mar. 5,	
	McVeytown,	Mar. 7,	
Monroe,	Broadheadsville,	Mar. 4–5,	Randall Bisbing, Minsi.
	Kresgeville,	Mar. 7–8,	
Montgomery,	Hatboro,	Jan. 17–18,	Hon. Jason Sexton, Spring House.
	Norristown,	Jan. 19–20,	
	Pennsburg,	Jan. 21–22,	
Montour,	Mansdale,	Jan. 12–13,	J. K. Murray, Pottsgrove.
Northampton,	Nazareth,	Feb. 8–9,	B. B. McClure, Bath.
	Stone Church,	Feb. 10–11,	
	Farmersville,	Feb. 12,	
Northumberland,	Paradise Church,	Jan. 19-20,	Hon. W. L. Nesbit, Lewisburg.
	Elysburg,	Jan. 21,	
	Rebuck,	Jan. 22,	
Perry,	Newport,	Feb. 17-18,	J. E. Stephens, Acker.
	Landisburg,	Feb. 24-25,	
Philadelphia,	Horticultural Hall,	Jan. 15,	Edwin Lonsdale, Chestnut Hill.
	Bustleton,	Jan. 24-25,	

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Pike,	Milford,	Feb. 14,	J. K. Van Etten, Milford.
	Dingmans Ferry,	Feb. 15,	
Potter,	Coudersport,	Jan. 3-4,	W. A. Gardner, Andrews' Settlement.
	Millport,	Jan. 5-6,	
Schuylkill,	Hegins,	Feb. 7-8,	W. H. Stout, Pine Grove.
	Orwigsburg,	Feb. 9-10,	
Snyder,	Beavertown,	Jan. 14-15,	J. F. Boyer, Mt. Pleasant Mills.
	Freeburg,	Jan. 17-18,	
Somerset,	Somerset,	Mar. 9-10,	Hon. N. B. Critchfield, Jenners.
	Somerset,	Mar. 11-12,	
	Friedens,	Mar. 14,	
Sullivan,	Forksville,	Dec. 30-31,	John W. Rodgers, Forksville.
Susquehanna,	Glenwood,	Feb. 2,	R. S. Searle. Montrose.
	Great Bend,	Feb. 3,	
	Brushville,	Feb. 4,	
	Thompson,	Feb. 5,	
	Uniondale,	Feb. 7-8,	
Tioga,	Westfield,	Jan. 7-8,	F. E. Field, Balsam.
	Wellsboro,	Jan. 10-11,	
	Mansfield,	Jan. 12-13,	
Union,	New Columbia,	Jan. 3,	Amos Scott, Spring Garden.
	Lewisburg,	Jan. 4-5,	
Venango,	Oil City,	Dec. 15,	Porter Phillips, Kennerdell.
	Utica,	Dec. 16,	
	Clintonville,	Dec. 17-18,	
Warren,	Columbus,	Dec. 13-14,	R. J. Weld, Sugar Grove.
	Warren,	Dec. 15-16,	
Washington,	Burgettstown,	Feb. 2-3,	John McDowell, Washington.
	Cannonsburg,	Feb. 4-5,	
	Centreville,	Feb. 7,	
Wayne,	Waymart,	Feb. 9,	W. C. Norton, Aldenville.
	Beach Pond,	Feb. 10,	
	Honesdale,	Feb. 11-12,	
	Ariel,	Feb. 16,	
	South Canaan,	Feb. 17,	
Westmoreland,	Export,	Feb. 16-17,	M. N. Clark, Claridge.
	Adamsburg,	Feb. 18-19,	
	Youngwood,	Mar. 2,	
Wyoming,	Tunkhannock,	Jan. 24-25,	D. L. Herman, Eatonville.
	Mill City,	Jan. 31, Feb. 1,	
York,	Centreville,	Nov. 29-30,	Gerard C. Brown, Yorkana.
	Dover,	Dec. 1-2,	
	Brodbecks,	Mar. 4-5,	
	Wellsville,	Mar. 7-8,	